

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 457.65, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any state plan amendment that limits or restricts eligibility in the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as the Georgia's PeachCare for Kids Program.

### PEACHCARE FOR KIDS

Pursuant to Title XXI of the Social Security Act, the PeachCare Program is a jointly funded state and federal insurance program for low-income children. Effective **March 11, 2007**, the Department will discontinue enrollment in the PeachCare for Kids Program.

- Any new applications received or postmarked after **March 11, 2007** will not be processed for PeachCare eligibility.
- Members whose participation in the program is suspended for failure to timely pay premiums or for failure to provide required income verification will also be affected by this change and will be precluded from re-enrollment. These members will receive additional notice by direct mail as required by governing regulations.
- Members enrolled and/or determined eligible prior to **March 11, 2007** will not be impacted by this particular proposed change.

This change serves as an effort to sustain the PeachCare for Kids Program so that low-income children currently enrolled in the program may continue to receive low-cost health insurance.

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office and will also be published in regional newspapers and on the Georgia Department of Community Health's website. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **February 23, 2007**, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at the Floyd Room of the Twin Towers Building, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta Georgia. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during the meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on the proposed changes should do so before **March 2, 2007** to the Board of Community Health, P.O. Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Submitted comments will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments from written and public testimony will be summarized and provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **March 8, 2007** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed change at the March meeting which will be held 10:30 a.m. at the Floyd Room of the Twin Towers Building, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner